## 'Paper Jungle' Cited In Congressional Study

By Edward S. Cohen Staff Reporter

For many people it's only a dividual citizen, in small paper moon. For one Con businessman, and businesses gressman, who for years has in general. He says he's much been studying the vagaries of concern d about the effects of paper and its multifarious "empire-building and paperways, it's only a track probling pushing" on these growns. Small companies or in-

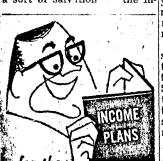
And he's and of it. Historice, says Ohen, often do name is Arr an Olsen, he's a not have enough emp Democrat from Montana, he's bookkeepers to headle the rebeen fighting it for a long porting requirements of Fed-time, and finally this past eral or local government agen-week, just as the Federal cies. "This paperwork often paperwork jungle was closing means the difference between in on him and his staff, he a profit and a loss to the cried out to the public for small companies." help ir nis struggle against Olsen went on to support

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to have included "the Federal to know what most of the paagencies and their paper-per is used for, said in his rework."

port that "a good place to One example of paperwork start a review of what he calls which particularly riles Object "the numbers game" is the are "the 500 million forms a IRS. "There must be a cheapyear which the Internal Reve-er and easier way of keeping nue Service and Social Secu-taxpayers honest than the parity Administration now properwork jungle the Internal cess in operating the new tax-Revenue Service has created; payer numbering system." you can spend more or a re-This would not be so bad, turn than the revenue the Olsen announced, but com-Government ultimately will re-

Olsen is not mad at everybody, though. He likes what the Interstate Commerce Com-Olsen envision himself as mission was doing, when last year it reduced by one-half million reports its paperwork requirements of regulated car-

He also seemed pleased with some of the systems work of the Treasury Department and the Eureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance. The ter uses computer tape for the transmittal of records. Olsen said this makes a substantial reduction in paperwork.

## Growing Paperwork Jungle Lit By House Unit as Boosting Costs

By JOSEPH YOUNG Star Staff Writer

A House committee has criti-

The mountain of Government paperwork is raising Federal costs considerably and inflating Government employment and salaries, it was charged by the House Civil Service Subcommittee on Census and Statistics.

Cabinet officers and agency heads to eliminate excessive paperwork because it breeds overstaffing.

A good place to start is the Internal Revenue Service, he added.

Mr. Olsen said the Government of the control of the c tee on Census and Statistics.

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Otherwise well-meaning Gov-ernment officials "seem intent on nurturing" a greater amount of paperwork in their agencies, Mr. Olsen said.

He cited as an example the 500 million forms a year which the Internal Revenue Service and Social Security Administration now process in operating the new taxpayer numbering system.

The irony of it, according to Mr. Olsen, is that electronic computers in this case are helping to create more paper-work when ordinarily they should be used to reduce the paperwork flow.

The Montanan said the excessive Government paperwork is often too onerous for the small businessman who doesn't have enough employes or bookkeepers to handle the reporting requirements of Government agencies. This paperwork often means the difference between a

profit and a loss to these small companies, he said.

Mr. Olsen indorsed President cized sharply what it calls the Johnson's recent request to "Federal Paperwork Jungle."

Mr. Olsen said the Governtee on Census and Statistics.

Representative Olsen, Democrat of Montana, chairman of the group, sardonically commented that when President Johnson told Congress in his state-of-the-Union message that we don't intend to be buried by anyone he should have "included the Federal agencies and their paperwork."

Mr. Olsen said the Government's record is not all bad in this regard. He cited the excellent record of the Interstate Commerce Commission which last year reduced its paperwork requirements of regulated carriers by a half-million reports. Mr. Olsen also commended some of the systems work of the Treasury Department and the Bureau of Old-Age Survi-Mr. Olsen said his subcommittee's investigation showed that excessive Federal paperwork was being used to push work was being used to push makes a substantial reduction the Bureau of Old-Age Survi-

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